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USDA PHOTOGRAPHS showing the kind of land and some of the practices being applied to land placed in the Conservation Reserve of the Soil Bank.

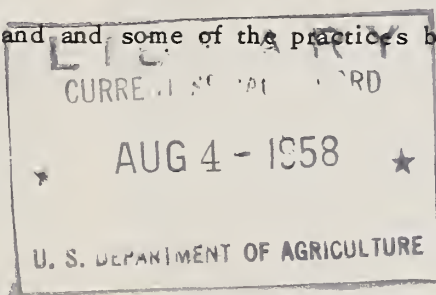


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N-23430--The foreground shows a cover of alfalfa, bromegrass, and red clover on Conservation Reserve land taken out of crop production on the A. E. Ganz farm near Alma, Wis. The field in the background produced about 65 bushels of corn per acre in 1957.



N-23408--This is a portion of the Lyle McDuffie farm near Dalton, Wis. The entire farm is under a 5-year Conservation Reserve contract. The cover crop has recently been mowed to control weeds. Nearly 700 Wisconsin farms had all eligible acres in the 1957 Conservation Reserve.



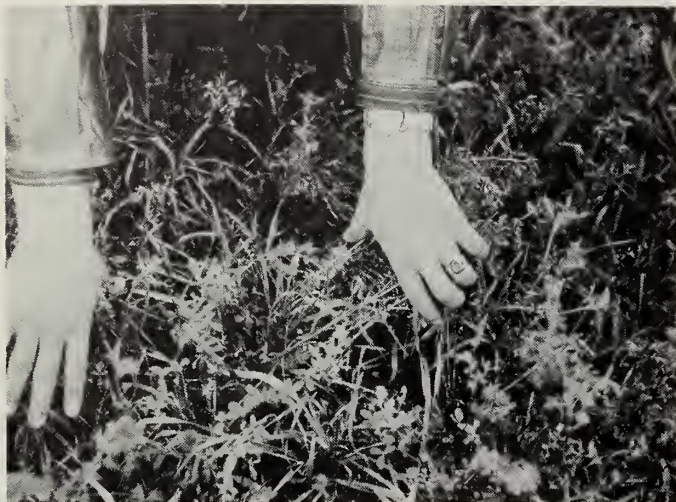
N-23412--Here trees have been planted on land that grew oats in 1956. It is part of the Jack Wherry farm near Montello, Wis., all of which is now under a 10-year Conservation Reserve contract. Under the Conservation Reserve program, Wisconsin farmers have contracted to plant trees on more than 10,000 acres of former cropland.



N-23417--These 4-year-old trees have been transplanted on Conservation Reserve land. This is part of the Charles Meiller farm near Grand Marsh, Wis. All 138 cropland acres on this farm are under 3-, 5-, or 10-year Conservation Reserve contracts.

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N-23421-- A good stand of alfalfa, brome grass, and medium red clover on Conservation Reserve land on the farm of William T. Bonnett near Grand Marsh, Wis. More than 38,000 acres of Wisconsin cropland was committed to permanent cover under the 1957 Conservation Reserve program.



N-23423-- This shows a stand of Norway pine planted on Conservation Reserve land on the farm of Clemens C. Sylke near Oxford, Wis.



N-23432-- Closeup of a good alfalfa and brome grass cover crop on Conservation Reserve land on the farm of George P. Netherly near Stillwater, Minn. Nearby land produces 70 to 75 bushels of corn per acre. Under the 1957 program Minnesota farmers contracted to take more than 390,000 acres out of crops and plant permanent cover of this type.



N-23466-- Terraces and sod waterways have been constructed on Conservation Reserve land on the farm of Virgil Benton near Guthrie Center, Iowa, with the help of ACP cost-sharing. Under the Conservation Reserve program Iowa farmers have contracted to plant more than 38,000 acres of permanent grass cover and more than 1,100 acres of trees.



N-23503-- In the background, right next to good cotton land is Conservation Reserve acreage planted to a temporary cover of sudan grass which will later be planted to mixed perennial grasses. This is on the farm of O. A. Stout near Hale Center, Texas. Texas farmers led the nation with 1957 Conservation Reserve contracts to seed more than 1,500,000 acres of permanent cover.



N-23510-- A field of blue panicum grass on Conservation Reserve land near Bronte, Coke County, Texas, which is right in the middle of an area where a 7-year drought ended in 1957.





N-23517-- Shown here is a field of King Ranch blue-stem on Conservation Reserve land in Texas. The blue-stem was planted more than 2 years ago as a permanent cover.



N-23335-- To the left of this newly constructed dam is Conservation Reserve land planted to common lespedeza and Dallis grass. It is on the Frank Stout farm in Madison County, Miss. In the 1957 Conservation Reserve signup, Mississippi farmers contracted to place permanent cover on more than 17,000 acres of former cropland.



N-23340-- Soil Bank Specialist S. W. Sissell shows some 8-month-old loblolly pines on the Tip Ray farm in Madison County, Miss. The trees shown outgrow the weeds in three years. In the 1957 Conservation Reserve program, Mississippi farmers contracted to establish more than 15,000 acres of tree cover.



N-23342-- This shows cotton land similar to that in the Conservation Reserve on the L. W. Way farm near Orangeburg, S. C. (See N-23341)



N-23341-- Shown here is Conservation Reserve land planted to sericea lespedeza on the farm of L. W. Way near Orangeburg, S. C. Chief Clerk L. S. Davis of the Orangeburg ASC office is examining the plants. South Carolina farmers contracted under the 1957 Conservation Reserve program to convert nearly 15,000 acres from crops to permanent cover.



N-23347-- The above field, on the farm of O. H. Wienges, Jr., in Calhoun County, S. C., produced 32 bushels of wheat per acre in 1956. It is now in the Conservation Reserve and has been planted to slash pine. Conservation Reserve contracts for 1957 call for 83,000 acres of tree-planting on South Carolina farms.





N-23363-- This field of crotalaria is in the Conservation Reserve on the farm of E. W. Daniel in Evans County, Ga. It will be planted to pine trees as soon as seedlings are available.



N-23372-- This shows Conservation Reserve land planted to slash pine on the farm of W. E. Daniels in Evans County, Ga., near Belleville. Mr. Daniels is checking one of his young trees. Conservation Reserve contracts for 1957 call for 177,000 acres of tree-planting in Georgia.



N-23373-- This massive supply of pine cones in a tobacco warehouse near Vidalia, Ga., is waiting to be threshed and the seed cleaned. The seed will help meet the demand for pine seedlings to be planted under the Conservation Reserve program. These pine cones are purchased from Georgia farmers by the Georgia Forestry Commission at about \$1.00 a bushel.